

The following verbiage has been included with each Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech monthly billing statement since May 1, 2008:

Digital TV Transition

As a customer of Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech you should not have to do anything when broadcast TV stations go to their new digital format on February 17, 2009. That's because Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech has already invested in the technology to convert local TV stations from the digital picture to be able to work with your current TV set.

Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech does so by capturing and converting these digital signals and then sending them to your home through the same cable you have today.

As long as your TV sets are connected to cable, they should display local television stations.

Analog-only TVs in your home not currently connected to cable service will need to be connected to cable service or may require additional equipment such as a DTV converter box. Analog-only TVs should continue to work as before with cable and satellite TV services, gaming consoles, VCRs, DVD players, and similar products.

After February 17, 2009, a television receiver with only an analog broadcast tuner will require a converter box to receive over-the-air broadcasts through an antenna because of the Nation's transition to digital broadcasting. Information about how to obtain coupons for DTV converter boxes or more information on the DTV transition is available from www.DTV.gov and from www.dtv2009.gov or 1-888-DTV-2009.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rural Telephone/Nex-Tech office at 877-567-7872.